

**Schedule of Meeting Times:**

WKAC 1080 AM Sunday 7:30 AM  
 Study Sunday 10:00 AM  
 Worship Sunday Morn 11:00 AM  
 Worship Sunday Eve 5:00 PM  
*Singing every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday evening*  
 Study Wednesday 7:00 PM

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*“Pride goes before  
 destruction, And a  
 haughty spirit  
 before stumbling,”*

—Proverbs 16:18

**Servants during September/October:**

**Songleader:** Dwight (9/29), Stanley (10/6), Larry (13),  
 Dwight (20), Stanley (27)

**Reading:** Stanley; Mike M (Oct)

**Announcements:** Larry; Stanley (Oct)

**Table:** Mike M, Marty, Stanley; Marty, Larry, Mike M (Oct)

**Wednesday Lesson:** Larry (10/2), Stanley (9), Kris (16), Larry  
 (23), Stanley (30)

**Lawn Mowing (week starting):** Kris (9/29), Marty (10/6),  
 Stanley (13), Larry (20), Kris (27)

**Area Meetings:**

**South Cullman,**  
 29-10/1, Greg  
 Kline; **Danville**  
**Road,** 10/6-9;  
**Posey,** 10/13-16,  
 Steve Tidwell; **4<sup>th</sup>**  
**Street (Cullman),**  
 10/13-17, Bill Hall

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# Undue Emphasis -on Self-

*by Gene Taylor*

As previously noted, the Bible has a lot to say about self and how one is to view himself in relation to God and others. If a person would follow its teachings, his attitude toward self would be what it should be and many of his problems would be solved and pressures eased. When one follows the course of the world and gives undue emphasis to self, he not only adds to his problems now but also places his soul in peril.

What are those problems one can expect if he is self-centered?

**Self-centeredness.** This occurs when a person is absorbed in self. No one enjoys a self-centered person. It is easy to see when others are self-centered. Sometimes, though, it is hard to recognize in self.

**Self-conceit.** This is an

exaggerated estimation of one's own ability or powers, an overconfidence in self. When one is conceited, he is full of pride. God hates pride and resists the proud, Prov 16:18; Jas 4:6,10; Lk 18:14. We are not to think too highly of self, Rom 12:3.

**Self-willed.** One who is self-willed is stubborn, set on having his own way. One such person was Jonah. He knew the will of God but fled so he would not have to do it. The Jews who stoned Stephen were identified as “stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears,” Acts 7:51-53. That means that they stubbornly clung to their own will rather than submitting to the will of God.


**Self-indulgence.** This is giving free course to one's own passions and inclinations. Self-indulgence is a sin

which leads one from God. Demas, who had once been a faithful disciple and a dedicated co-worker of the apostle Paul, had forsaken the Lord and the apostle because he “loved” the present world and indulged himself in its pleasures, 2 Tim 4:10.

**Self-righteousness.** This is being righteous in one’s own eyes. It was a trait of the Pharisees, Lk 18:9-14; Rom 10:1-3. It prompted them to accuse Jesus of eating with sinners, Mt 9:10-12. They could see that everyone else were sinners but they could not see their own sins. To be pleasing to God, one must humbly acknowledge his own sinfulness.

**Self-satisfaction.** This is being pleased with who and what one is. The world seeks to instill this attitude in everyone. Great care is often taken so that nothing will damage the self-image of children. The satisfied

person has reached his goal. He has no other worlds to conquer, no loftier heights to scale and no greater work to do. His journey can only be downward. On the other hand, one cannot establish bounds for the person who is not satisfied with himself and his accomplishments. Sadly, even Christians are guilty of this sin. Their guilt is seen in acceptance of mediocrity in relation to Christ and their service to Him. The church at Sardis was rebuked for their indifference, Rev 3:1f. Do not be self-satisfied. Be like Paul—always seeking to be better, always striving to do more, Phil 3:13,14; 1 Cor 10:12.

Do not allow these problems to exist in your life. Let the Word of God be your guide and permit it to mold you in the image of Christ by denying self and living for Him. 

# According To Its Kind

by Dick Blackford

In the Genesis account every living thing was created “according to its kind,” Gen 1:21,24,25. Some arguments over origins never get anywhere because of a lack of communication. The word “kind” is not to be equated with “species.” “Kind” allows for variation (micro-evolution). But one “kind” does not evolve into another “kind” (macro-

evolution, also known as the general theory of evolution or organic evolution, which eliminates God).

Believers in the biblical account recognize variation. In the horse family there is a wide variety of sizes, colors and characteristics, including the mule (offspring of a male donkey and female horse) and the zonkey or donkra, offspring of a zebra and a

donkey. But eventually they reach the end of their kind and cannot reproduce. Their DNA prevents further offspring. For example, a horse and an ostrich cannot reproduce because they are different kinds. Nor can a zebra and a hippopotamus, for the same reason.

There is wide variety in the dog family (sizes, colors, features), but they remain dogs. Dogs cannot reproduce with different animals that are not of their kind.

There is great variety among humans. The smallest man on record was 2 feet, 5 inches, while the tallest was 8 feet, 11.1 inches. Humans have differences in personality, color of hair, eyes and skin, etc. What we see today is micro-evolution (variety within kinds), not macro-evolution (one kind changing into another kind). But they are all humans. Humans reproduce other humans. But apes and humans cannot reproduce because they are different kinds. Their God-given DNA prevents it. There are boundaries that cannot be crossed.


Another reason Bible believers reject the general theory of evolution is because there is scant evidence.

## Remember in Prayer

**Mike B** is recovering from heart surgery last Tuesday in Nashville, 10/1, and is doing well. **Kathy Mitchell** has had cataract surgery on one eye; the other is to be done in a couple weeks. **Donise** has had double vision, and will

Darwin had surmised, “The number of intermediate and transitional links between all living and extinct species must have been inconceivably great,” (Darwin, Charles, The Origin of Species, 1872, p266). Yet, over 100 years later, renowned evolutionist Stephen J. Gould said “The extreme rarity of transitional forms in the fossil record persists as the trade secret of paleontology, the evolutionary trees that adorn our textbooks have data only at the tips and nodes of their branches: the rest is inference, however reasonable, not the evidence of the fossils,” (Gould, Stephen J., and Niles Eldridge, “Natural History” 86, May 1977, p12-16).

Regardless of the millions of years evolutionists claim it took for man to evolve, at some point, either: 1) a non-human gave birth to a human, or 2) a non-human evolved into a human during its own lifetime. There is no scientific evidence for either of these. Yet, one of these must have occurred if the general theory of evolution is true.

The belief that man is just an animal is the basis for much of the immorality seen in the world today. 

have a consultation about cataract surgery 10/11. **Mark Horton**, plans to be treated for the spread of prostate cancer to his lower back and hip. **Betty; Carolyn; Hazel; Barbara; Joshua V; Faye;** and **the Pollard Family.** 